



Rosie the Riveters!

They Did it!

"All the day long, whether rain or shine
She's a part of the assembly line.
She's making history, working for victory,
Rosie the Riveter."

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Agnes Moore – 98 – Journeyman Welder 1942-1945

Determined to do something for the war effort and support her young child, Agnes became a certified welder, hiring on at the Kaiser Shipyard #3 in Richmond, CA. Before her Graveyard shift, Agnes would drop her daughter off at a 24-hour childcare center. There, the child would sleep all night, wake up in the morning to be fed and dressed before being sent off to preschool.



Phyllis Gould – 96 – Journeyman Welder 1942-1945

Phyllis was living in Richmond, CA on Dec., 7, 1941, when she & her husband heard the radio broadcast announcing the bombing of Pearl Harbor. When her husband said he wanted to learn welding, Phyllis said "me too." Formerly rejected by the Union because she was a woman, she was one of the first women to be hired at Kaiser's Richmond shipyards, building deck houses in Pre-Fab. Her husband's mindset that 'only men bring home the bacon' couldn't hold this Rosie down.



Kay Morrison – 95 – Journeyman Welder 1943-1945

Kay married her high school sweetheart when she was a junior in high school. After graduation, she and her husband left Chico, CA., to find wartime work in the Bay Area. They found housing in San Francisco, which meant a 45 minute ferry-boat ride to their Graveyard shift in Richmond, where they worked together at Kaiser Shipyard #2. He was a shipwright and she was a Journeyman Welder.



Marian Sousa – 92 – Draftsman 1943-1944

Marian came from Oregon to Richmond, CA for a summer job to care for her sister Phyllis' son. She decided to stay & enrolled in the local high school, graduating in June 1943. Following a 6-week engineering drawing class at U.C. Berkeley, Marian was hired at Kaiser Shipyard #3 to make adjustments on ship blueprints. Kaiser Shipyards became a family business as her 2 sisters and mother also worked there.



Mae Krier -- 92 – Riveter 1943-1945

At the age of 17, Mae left her home in North Dakota to find work in Seattle, taking two weeks of training to become a Riveter at the Boeing Company. Mae helped build the Five Grand, Boeing's 5,000th B-17 plane since the war began! All the workers got to paint their names on the plane and help push it out on the tarmac. "In 1944, I met a sailor on the dance floor and we danced our way through life", she says of her late husband Norman.



Marian Wynn – 91 – Pipe Welder 1944-1945

After graduating from high school in Minnesota, she traveled to Richmond, CA to join her father, an electrician leadman in the Kaiser Shipyards. Marian got a job as a pipe welder in Shipyard #3, working in the West Storage area, where pipes were brought for her to weld. She and her father lived in a trailer park where she met her future husband, the son of the trailer park's managers and were married for 60 years before his passing.